

NHSC UPDATE!



Uniting Communities in Need
and Clinicians Who Care

NHSC Ready Responders

- The National Health Service Corps is looking for 40 of the Nation's best and brightest to serve as newly commissioned U.S. Public Health Service officers for initial 3-year tours in some of the most medically underserved communities in the country.
- In addition to providing essential primary care to people in need, these clinicians will become members of a mobile team of health professionals who will be trained to respond quickly and effectively in the event of a large-scale regional or national medical emergency.
- Based on community demand, 36 of these clinicians will be family practice physicians, and 4 will be dentists.
- All entities that receive the assignment of one of these commissioned officers must understand that the officers will be away from the practice site for up to 4 weeks per year for training. The officers may also be away from the site for an additional period of time to respond to a regional or national health emergency.
- For more information on how clinicians and sites can apply to participate in this exciting program, check out the NHSC web site at www.nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/join_us/ready_responders.cfm

NHSC Scholarship Interview Update

The NHSC Scholarship Program has completed the initial review of applications, and selected the applicants that are eligible to participate in the NHSC Scholarship "Fair" Interview process. Attached to this email is a list of interview locations and dates. Also attached are instructions on how these applicants can schedule their interview.

- Notification letters to applicants selected for an interview went out the week of April 22.
- Interviews to be conducted during May and June, with all interviews completed by June 30.
- To secure an interview at the most convenient location, Scholarship applicants must contact our contractor, IQ Solutions, at 800-638-0824 as soon as they receive their notification letter. *This toll free number is the only number that can be used to schedule interviews.*
- Contact Ms. Gale Monahan on 301-594-4414 or gmonahan@hrsa.gov for more information.

NHSC Red Pages

Due to the high costs of printing and distribution, the NHSC is discontinuing publication of the NHSC Red Pages. We can provide up to date information on NHSC Scholars and/or Loan Repayers in your state or region throughout the year. Simply email your request to NHSCUpdate@hrsa.gov. Please be sure to include your mailing address, the listings you would like, and for which state or region.

Submission of NHSC Site Applications Moves to Central Office

- **Sites should now submit their R&R Assistance applications directly to the NHSC Community Support Branch (CSB).**
- The fax number and address for CSB is: 4350 East-West Highway, 8th Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814
FAX 301-594-2721.
- CSB will enter all data and fax copies of the application to the appropriate Field Office (FO) and Primary Care Office (PCO).
- The FO and PCO will have the opportunity to provide input on the application. Upon receipt of this input the NHSC will approve or disapprove the application.

As always, please let us hear from you. E-mail us your feedback at NHSCUpdate@hrsa.gov.